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Drug Trafficker sentenced to 9 years imprisonment for Distributing Methamphetamine in Phoenix

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Alicia Chaidez-Gonzalez, 25, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced on January 9, 2005, in federal district court to 108 months in prison by U.S. District Court Judge Fredrick J. Martone for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute 1.5-5 kilograms of methamphetamine.

Alicia Chaidez was charged in an indictment with nine other individuals with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute. In a plea agreement with the government, Chaidez admitted to providing methamphetamine to an organization in Phoenix that distributed methamphetamine in the Phoenix area and across the United States. Chaidez worked for an organization that imported the methamphetamine to the United States from Mexico. The distribution group had clients in multiple states, including Texas, Louisiana, Oregon, Mississippi, Arizona, North Dakota, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Georgia, and elsewhere. The Arizona case was initiated through the assistance of the Montgomery, Alabama DEA District Office.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Drug Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Brian G. Larson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Ariz.

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